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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 5-026149, published February 2, 1993, together with an English-Language Abstract;
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 10-206457, published August 7, 1998, together with an English-Language Abstract; and
3. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 2000-253683, published September 14, 2000, together with an English-Language Abstract.

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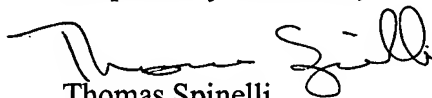
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Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references. The relevance of references 1 and 3 has been described in the specification.

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